GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3707
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RATIFICATION OF INDO-BANGLADESH LAND BOUNDARY AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ratification of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 as per prescribed procedures are essential before effecting the exchange of the enclaves between the two countries;

(b) if so, since when this ratification work is pending with the concerned Agencies of Central and relevant State Governments and the names of these Agencies; and

(c) the reasons for the Government not completing the formality of ratification?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Ratification of the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 will follow completion of the demarcation of the boundary between India and Bangladesh. The demarcation of about 6.5 kms of the India-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed. The Government propose to complete the task of demarcation of the boundary with Bangladesh with the cooperation of the concerned State Governments and Government of Bangladesh.The Government of India is committed to an early settlement of all boundary-related matters with Bangladesh.